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U.S. Fish And Wildlife's New State Supervisor Arrives In Nevada

RENO, NEVADA... The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced today that Edward (Ted) Koch has been selected as the new State Supervisor for the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office. Koch will be supervising all the Service's ecological services programs in Nevada which includes offices located in both Reno and Las Vegas.

Koch has 23 years of experience with the Service, most recently as the Service's Bull Trout Coordinator in Boise, Idaho. Koch has a B.S. in Environmental Biology from Southern Connecticut State University and an M.S. in Zoology from Idaho State University.

"Ted brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in wildlife conservation to the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office," said Pacific Southwest Region Director Ren Lohoefer. "I had the great pleasure of working with Ted on Idaho and Pacific Northwest issues and I know he will help us work with the State, Tribes, and all other partners to resolve the conservation issues we face today and tomorrow in Nevada and the Pacific Southwest."

Koch's previous assignments include: Assistant Regional Director for Budget and Administration in the Service's Southwest Regional Office; staff to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; acting Majority Staff Director for the Fisheries, Wildlife and Water Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate for Idaho's Senator Mike Crapo; and Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, Office of Economic Assistance in Portland, Oregon.

"I am looking forward to this great opportunity to carry out the mission of the Service in Nevada and build upon existing partnerships to conserve Nevada's species and their habitats," said Koch. "Idaho and Nevada share many similar conservation landscapes so I am confident it will be a smooth transition."

Koch has published several articles on a variety of conservation and policy subjects, and one book, "The Amphibians and Reptiles of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks." He has served on the boards of several private conservation organizations, most recently as president of the board of the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov. Connect with our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/usfws, follow our tweets at www.twitter.com/usfwshq, watch our YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/usfws> and download photos from our Flickr page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usfwshq>

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